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# Topics

- Tuberculosis testing policy changes
- Serologic Testing
- MRSA update
- Joint Publication 4-02



# TB Policy

- Complete risk based; no periodic testing
- No CG occupational group at high risk
- No active cases or epidemiologic tie of positive TST cluster to active case
- Is deployment really a high risk?
- Basic Training assessment of risk factors



# Serologic Testing

- Consideration: serologic testing at Cape May
  - Quantiferon-TB Gold
  - Titers for vaccine preventable diseases
- Small lab, but motivated lab director



# MRSA Update

- Continued reports of cases/clusters
- Staph infection treatment recommendations
- Education



# Joint Pub 4-02

- Title: Health Service Support in Joint Operations
- Preventive Medicine physician deleted from entire document—Joint Task Force Surgeon's Office
  - “Preventive Medicine Science Officer”
  - “Community/Public Health Nurse”